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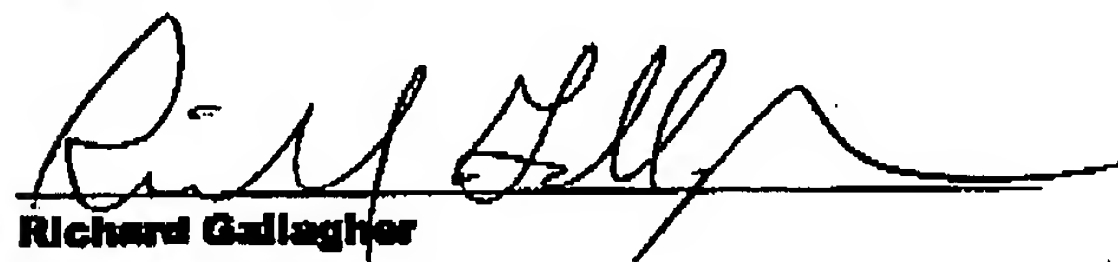
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Comments: Dear Examiner Shiao,

To confirm the discussion in our telephonic interview today, Applicants do not wish to amend the claims to exclude reaction promoters. As disclosed in the specification (pages 21-28), promoters or co-catalysts are contemplated herein. As disclosed on page 27, for instance, strong acids may be used as promoters.

Very truly yours,



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